the report of the Committee keeping in view the DDA's confidential report prepared by its Land Commissioner and cleared by its Vice-Chairman; and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government on the basis of the ATR of the Sewa Ram Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) The one-man Committee consisting of Shri Sewa Ram Sharma was appointed by the Lt. Governor of Delhi. The report of the Committee is to be processed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. Further action in the matter depends on their identification of the issues which require decision by the Central Government.

Conversion of DDA flats from lease-hold to freehold system

1881. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any fresh gudelines to deal with future application for conversion properties in Delhi from lease-hold system to freehold;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the old guidelines had led to a large number of litigants challenging them if so, the number of cases pending till date and such conversion allowed till date by DDA authorities; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue new instructions to concerned Department so as to rationalise and simplify the procedures of conversion of such DDA flats (MIG) constructed after 1974-75 onwards; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, keeping in view the observations of the Delhi High Court, modification to the scheme is under consideration of the Government.

Upto 31-1-95, Delhi Development Authority received 30,188 applications for conversion out of which 16,982 have been finalised and in 6107 applications deficiencies have been conveyed to the applicants. The remaining 7179 cases are at various stages of process.

Additions and alterations in Government Accommodation by charging 10 per cent

1882. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted additions and alterations in Government accommodation subject to the condition that there is no structural change and ten per cent is deposited by an allottee; and

(b) if so, whether the said limit would also cover the cases where an allottee desires to get erected a scooter/car garage if such facilities does not already exist?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Funds allocated to Irrigation Projects

1883. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several irrigation projects in the country for which fund has been allocated but not utilised;

(b) if so, the amount of fund remained unused;

(c) the irrigation projects for which unused fund had been allocated; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) Irrigation being a State subject, the responsibility for investigation formulation, implementation and allocation of funds for irrigation projects rests with the State Governments. The Central assistance is provided in the form of block loans and grants and is not tied to any project/programme. For certain selected projects, earmarked outlays are provided in the State Plans by the Planning Commission. Outlay and expenditure on major and medium Irrigation Projects in the country during 1992-91 and 1993-94 are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Outlay	Expenditure
1992-93	3127.76	3047.13
1993-94	3841.74	3369.30

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

1884. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major and medium irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh lagging behind their original schedule;

(b) the cost escalation of a result thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Central Government seeking financial assistance for the completion of these projects during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Completion schedule and estimated cost are known in respect of approved projects only. A Statement giving names of approved major and medium irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh running behind schedule and cost escalation thereof is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) The reasons for time and cost overrun of the irrigation projects broadly fall into three categories:—

(1) *Technical*

Limited investigations for preparing feasibility report and consequent changes in scope and designs of project during implementation, inadequate provisions in the original estimates for infrastructure facilities, land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement and environmental safeguards, etc.

(2) *Financial*

Rise in prices during construction, non-availability of adequate funds, escalation in the cost of acquisition of lands.

(3) *Other reasons*

Labour trouble, contractual problems, agitation by environmentalists and the land oustees, natural calamities.

(d) and (e) Recently, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had sent a